

SB 56

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

EXHIBIT NO. 6

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BILL NO. SB 56

January 26, 2009

MR Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Bob Wasson. I live in Secky Lake on the Double Arrow Ranch, ~~Reservoirs~~ Assn ~~Sub~~ (DARLOA) subdivision & property of about 750 lots on 3200 acres. I support this Bill.

I am presently member of the Board of Directors. I am past president of the Bd.

Short History: About 8 years ago the Bd met irregularly in a room ~~that could~~ accommodate 2-3 landowners in addition to the 7 Bd members. Landowners were obviously not welcome and minutes of meetings could be reviewed by landowners only when a Bd member was present.

An incoming board changed this ~~policy~~ to regular monthly open meetings in a large area to accommodate landowners, with minutes posted on the DARLOA web site.

The ~~new~~ ^{Good} previously elected Board voted to hold bi-monthly open meetings AND closed "workshop sessions" in alternate months - contrary to the ~~before~~ DARLOA ByLaws.

I strongly object to these closed meetings.

Whatever BOD members meet, decisions
ARE MADE AND POLICY DECIDED - WITHOUT
THE KNOWLEDGE OR INPUT FROM THOSE
LANDOWNERS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED.

To quote another BOD member "So the
BOD members know the background and
get their ducks in a row in preparation
for meetings with landowners".

This previous BOD REWRITES THE
Bylaws without general landowners input.
This is simply wrong.

The legislature meets with open
Meeting Rules (with limited exceptions),
and other means such as one BOD
must follow the same ~~transparency~~ ~~part~~-policy.

Constituents and landowners ~~desire~~ ARE ENTITLED
nothing less than to be PART OF THE
decision making process.

Thank you

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